

Article - Family Law

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§5–501.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means:
 - (1) the Social Services Administration of the Department; or
 - (2) any other unit within the Department to which the Secretary of Human Services has delegated in writing specified responsibilities of the Administration under this subtitle.
- (c) “Foster care” means continuous 24–hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in an approved family home.
- (d) “Group care” means continuous 24–hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed in a licensed group facility.
- (e) “Kinship care” means continuous 24–hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in § 5–534 of this subtitle.
- (f) (1) “License” means a license issued by the Administration under this subtitle.
 - (2) “License” includes:
 - (i) a child placement agency license;
 - (ii) a child care institution license; and
 - (iii) a residential educational facility license.
- (g) “Local board” means a local citizen board of review for children in out–of–home care.
- (h) “Out–of–home care” means:
 - (1) out–of–home placement; and

(2) the monitoring of and services provided to a child in aftercare following a child's out-of-home placement.

(i) "Out-of-home placement" means placement of a child into foster care, kinship care, group care, or residential treatment care.

(j) "Residential educational facility" means:

(1) a facility that:

(i) provides special education and related services for students with disabilities;

(ii) holds a certificate of approval issued by the State Board of Education; and

(iii) provides continuous 24-hour care and supportive services to children in a residential setting; or

(2) one of the following schools:

(i) the Benedictine School;

(ii) the Linwood School;

(iii) the Maryland School for the Blind; or

(iv) the Maryland School for the Deaf.

(k) "Residential treatment care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services for a minor child placed in a facility that provides formal programs of basic care, social work, and health care services.

(l) "State Board" means the State Citizens Review Board for Children.

(m) "Voluntary placement agreement" means a binding, written agreement that:

(1) is voluntarily entered into between a local department and:

(i) the parent or legal guardian of a minor child; or

(ii) a former CINA whose commitment to the local department was rescinded after the individual reached the age of 18 years but before the individual reached the age of 20 years and 6 months; and

(2) specifies, at a minimum:

(i) the legal status of the child or former CINA; and

(ii) the rights and obligations of the parent or legal guardian, the child or former CINA, and the local department while the child or former CINA is in placement.

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